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SUBJ: SPANISH INTEREST IN NATO DOCUMENT CONTROL
FOR PORTUGAL

1. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (AGUIRRE DE CARCER) STATES SPANISH NOW CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF GOING THROUGH WITH NEXT SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING THIS FALL OF JOINT IBERIA CHIEFS OF STAFF AS PROVIDED IN IBERIA PACT. MEETING, IF HELD, WOULD BE FIRST SINCE 1973, AS SCHEDULED MAY 1974 MEETING SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF CONFUSED MILITARY SITUATION IN PORTUGAL.

2. AGUIRRE STATES MFA TAKES VIEW THAT REGULAR PORTUGUESE-SPANISH MILITARY MEETINGS UNDER IBERIA PACT ARE POTENTIAL CHANNEL FOR WHOLESOME SPANISH INFLUENCE ON PORTUGUESE MILITARY AND THAT THEREFORE THEY SHOULD BE CONTINUED. CONCERN, HOWEVER, EXISTS WHETHER SENSITIVE MILITARY DOCUMENTS CUSTOMARILY EXCHANGED SHOULD NOW BE GIVEN TO PORTUGUESE GENERAL STAFF IN LIGHT OF ALLEGED COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY. AGUIRRE FEELS NATO CURRENT
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PRACTICE ON DISSEMINATION OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS TO

PORTUGUESE COULD BE USEFUL GUIDE TO SPANISH DECISION
AND ASK THAT WE PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON
WHAT NATO HAS BEEN DOING IN THIS RESPECT.

3. WE AGREE REGULAR SPANISH-PORTUGUESE MILITARY
CONTACTS UNDER IBERIA PACT IS POTENTIALLY SALUTARY
CHANNEL THAT SHOULD BE KEPT OPEN. WOULD APPRECIATE
ANY RELEASEABLE INFORMATION ON NATO PRACTICE THAT MIGHT
AID SPANISH IN DECISION.
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